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Claim 1. (Amended): A cell that expresses recombinase Cre at a high level transiently only when Cre is needed, in a FLP-dependent manner in the presence of recombinase FLP, which is provided by a recombinant adenovirus expressing recombinase FLP, and that is a host cell for effectively producing a recombinant adenovirus vector expressing a desired protein together with a helper virus.

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Proposed Claim: The cell according to claim 1, wherein the helper virus also functions at the same time as the recombinant adenovirus expressing recombinase FLP.

Claim 11. (Amended): A method of expressing recombinase Cre at a high level transiently only when Cre is needed, by introducing recombinase FLP into the cell according to claim 4 using a recombinant adenovirus expressing recombinase FLP.

Proposed Claim: A method of producing a recombinant adenovirus vector expressing a desired protein, which comprises introducing recombinase FLP into a cell expressing recombinase Cre at a high level transiently only when Cre is needed, in a FLP-dependent manner in the presence of recombinase FLP, together with an recombinant adenovirus having a gene encoding the desired protein and incapable of self-replicating, and a helper virus providing, by the action of Cre, the recombinant adenovirus incapable of self-replicating with genes necessary for the self-replication.